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St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Radiation lawsuit against West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton dismissed - 8/22/14 - Lawyers for a Bridgeton resident dismissed a class action lawsuit today against Republic Services, owners of the radioactive West Lake Landfill. The lawsuit filed in federal court in April on behalf of John James, a resident of the Spanish Village subdivision, claimed that radiation from the landfill had contaminated nearby homes and businesses. http://www.stltoday.com/lifestyles/health-med-fit/health/radiation-lawsuit-against-west-lake-landfill-in-bridgeton-dismissed/article_fa2e6afa-e82a-5988-81e8-b659fccbbdc0.html

Kearney Hub - Sen. Fischer: How much water must EPA control? - 8/22/14 - As I visit communities across the state, countless Nebraskans continue to express to me their concerns with overreach by the federal government. Specifically, many Nebraskans are frustrated by the EPA's increasingly heavy hand. http://www.kearneyhub.com/opinions/nationalview/how-much-water-must-epa-control/article_c25b8382-2a17-11e4-aeb6-001a4bcf887a.html

High Plains Journal (Hays, Kan.) - EPA, Corps hijack Clean Water Act to expand regulatory authority - 8/25/14 - According to National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA), states could be facing upwards of 100,000 added regulated stream miles as a result of the "Waters of the United States" rule proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). <http://www.hpj.com/archives/2014/aug14/aug25/0818WaterRuleMissouriirt.cfm?t=EPA,-Corps-hijack-Clean-Water-Act-to-expand-regulatory-authority>

Radio Iowa - Branstad says Deere layoffs linked to EPA's RFS decision - 8/23/14 - Governor Terry Branstad is blaming the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the recent layoffs at Deere and Company. Deere announced last week that over 100 people will be laid off indefinitely from its plant in Ankeny, then yesterday, <http://www.radioiowa.com/2014/08/23/branstad-says-deere-layoffs-linked-to-epas-rfs-decision/>

National Review - The EPA's Power Grab - 8/24/14 - The Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan (CPP) mandates sweeping reductions of CO2 emissions from existing electrical-generation plants. The assault on the dual sovereignty of the states — the federalism enshrined in our Tenth Amendment — is nothing new. <http://www.nationalreview.com/article/386185/epas-power-grab-bill-peacock>

Washington Post: The Post's View: The country's sinking climate debate - 8/24/14 - The national debate on climate change has devolved. Action of some kind, at some point, is inevitable. Our proposition is that it should come sooner rather than later and be smart rather than clumsy.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/the-countrys-sinking-climate-debate/2014/08/24/d4d4aeca-29ff-11e4-86ca-6f03cbd15c1a_story.html

New York Times - Opinion: The Climate Swerve - 8/23/14 - Americans appear to be undergoing a significant psychological shift in our relation to global warming. I call this shift a climate “swerve,” borrowing the term used recently by the Harvard humanities professor Stephen Greenblatt to describe a major historical change in consciousness that is neither predictable nor orderly.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/24/opinion/sunday/the-climate-swerve.html>